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Wellness center plans revealed

By ALAN SIMMER
Staff Writer

Plans for the new wellness center made their debut at the Waverly City Council meeting last Monday, starting the all-important process of city approval and partnership in the venture.

The proposal brought some mild debate from city residents, debate that will only become more intense as the city discusses funding the joint project.

According to Gary Grace, vice president for administration and City Council member, Wartburg is currently asking the city to contribute \$1.2 million over the next eight years for the construction, with the first payment made in 2008.

"This is not a building that is being built with dollars that are gifted," President Jack R. Ohle said. "It's being built as a revenue generating facility with membership. Anyone that joins will pay a fee to be a member, and those fees will pay for the building. The project is not a project that will set the school back in any way."

Wartburg is also asking the city to pay a guarantee of up to \$600,000 per year if revenue projections are not met.

Grace won't actively be involved in the council's discussion of the Wellness Center, aside from providing information when needed. "I've tried to recuse myself from those votes," Grace said.

The design for the wellness center has not yet been finalized. Erik Kocher, a principal at Hastings & Chivetta, the architectural firm that designed the complex, stated that the company is only about 75 percent of the way through design development.

Current plans call for the wellness center to be around 195,000 square feet, larger than the average 150,000 – 175,000 square feet of most Div. III schools due to the community involvement.

Wartburg's center is "a little bit more unique because of the community features," Kocher said. "The general concept is one I've only found one other example of."

The exterior of the building draws from the design of the Saemann Student Center. "Ohle was very interested in having it blend with the campus," Kocher said.

"The architects that we're working with are one of the best architectural groups in the country for these types of recreational facilities," Ohle said. "They know of no other facility that has had the developing partnership as we have."

Included in the design are a performance gym, an auxiliary gym, a new track, a pool with lanes and a leisure swimming area complete with water slide, a Konditorei-like coffee shop and two weight rooms, one for student athletes and one for general use. The separation of members, athletes and athletic event attendees will be achieved through the use of a swipe card system.

"There will be a fee for our students to use the facility and I think one would expect that," Ohle said. "Most schools charge a fee for recreation."

When asked how much of an increase it would be for students to use the facility, Ohle said, "We don't know yet."

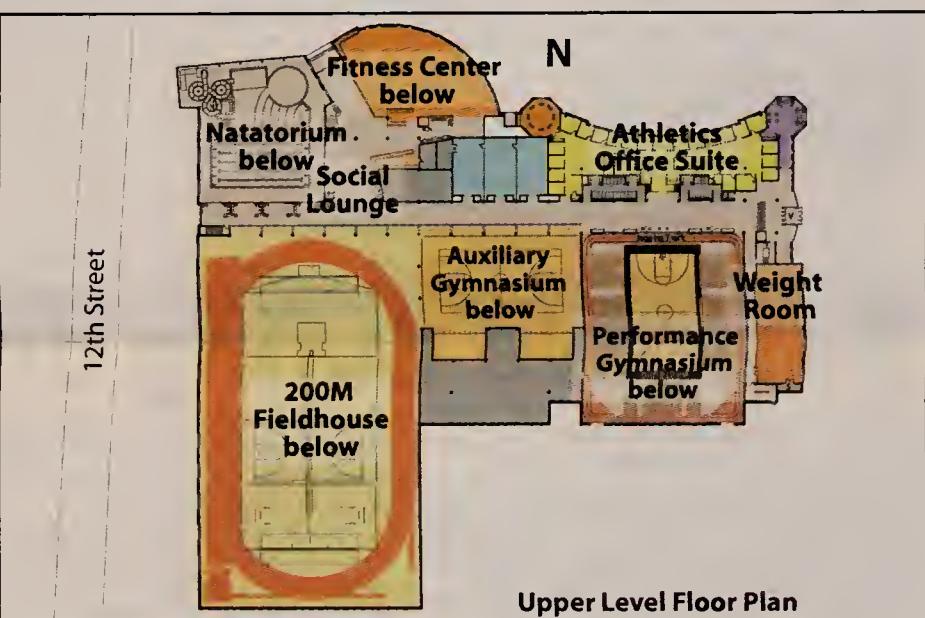
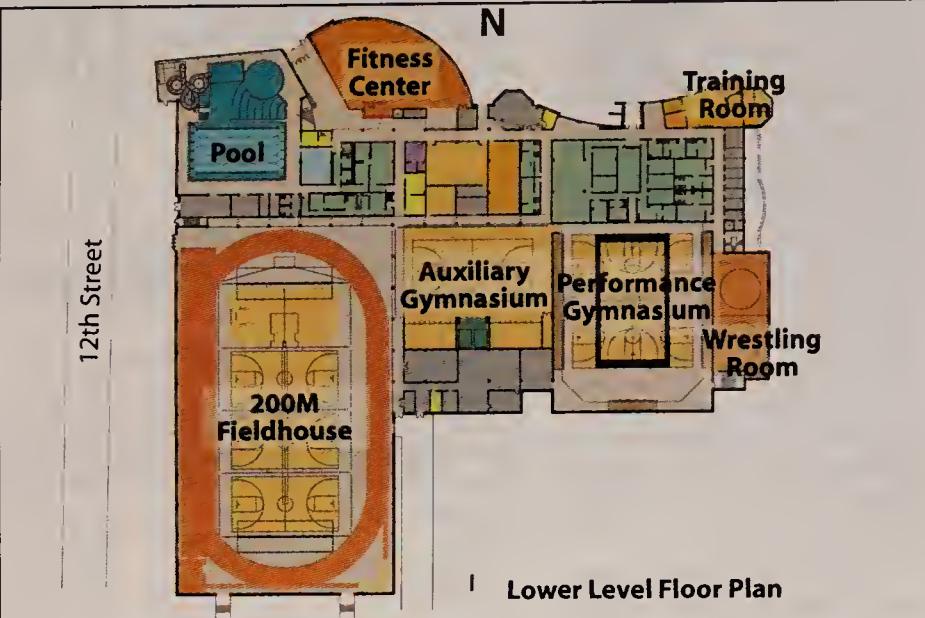
Grace will be holding two informational sessions for faculty, staff, and students at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Buckmaster room to get input on the design and hear other suggestions.

Both the Parks and Recreation and Planning and Zoning commissions will discuss the wellness center and provide feedback and a recommendation to the city council. The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is currently scheduled for 5:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Waverly Civic Center.

If the city were to reject the Wellness Center plan, Wartburg would "maintain the status quo" and take on a smaller project five to seven years in the future, Grace said.

The next City Council meeting is at 7 tonight at the Waverly Civic Center. Public review for the proposal will be during the meeting on Nov. 21, with a final decision by the council most likely coming on Nov. 28.

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PLANS AHEAD—Pictured above are replicas of the plans for the new Wellness Center proposed by Wartburg, presented to the Waverly City Council on Oct. 24. The new center will feature an indoor track, indoor pool, two different gymanasiums and offices for the athletic department.

Energy conservation meets hurdles on campus

By KRISTAL FOWLER
Assistant News Editor

The new energy task force has begun looking into some changes around campus to conserve energy. The first suggestion that was made was that the library could shorten its Saturday hours. It was originally suggested that the library could close earlier, but librarian Jill Gremmels, a member of the task force, recommended instead that the library opening later would affect fewer students.

The library originally stated that it would begin opening at 1 p.m. instead of 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5. However, after some protests, the library continued to have regular hours last Saturday and will also have regular hours Saturday, Nov. 12. This will help estimate how many people usually use the library on Saturday mornings and whether to open the library later in the future.

Gremmels said that the task force is trying to make pro-student decisions. She believes if the library needs to make some

changes to help conserve energy, opening later is the best way to go. She feels that the other choices—closing earlier or cutting the budget for materials—would hurt students.

"It's in everybody's best interest to solve this problem. This is part of being a good steward," Gremmels said.

The task force is also looking into ways to better control temperatures and energy usage in buildings around campus. Some things that might be done are lowering temperatures by a degree and making sure that rooms not in use have everything shut off.

Head of the committee vice president of administration Gary Grace said that the task force only wants to make small changes at first. Even if the changes are small, they will still help save money. He also said that more changes might be seen next term.

"We are trying to address the immediate concerns of the energy crisis, but I think the greatest advantages might be seen next term when we start to try to implement some strategic suggestions about different

conservation efforts. We might even get involved in other things, such as paper use, recycling and alternative energy sources," Grace said.

There is also a sub-committee devoted to getting out information on the task-force's decisions that will affect students, faculty and staff, general information about conservation issues and tips to help conserve energy. Headed by Karris Golden, the committee will launch an educational campaign sometime this term. Golden is working with several students to develop the campaign. She thinks that the task force will help identify problem areas of energy use on campus.

"For the past several years, Wartburg has made a commitment to being conscious about its energy consumption. This task force was the next logical step in our ongoing effort to be an environmentally friendly institution," Golden said.

The whole Wartburg community is asked to get involved with suggestions about conservation. Students can stop by the student senate office to make their suggestions. There is also a blog entitled

Feedback on the student senate Web site that is being used to get suggestions for conservation. It is also hoped that the blog will be used to get responses about changes as they go into effect to help judge campus opinion and receive constructive criticism. The address is http://wartburgsenate.blogs.com/wartburg_college_student_/.

So far no measures have been taken on campus to change energy usage. The task force hopes to make decisions that will save money and not disrupt campus life. The task force is made up of 14 people, including eight faculty and staff members, five students and energy consultant Dr. Chris Schmidt.

"As members of the campus and larger communities," Golden said, "we must continue to seek out ways to conserve and better manage or use our resources. I believe the energy task force will serve an ongoing purpose. There will always be a need to evaluate our campus consumption and identify ways we can save and maximize our resources."

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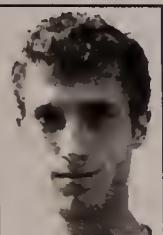
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Big 3 religious rumble

By ANDREW DRYSDALE
Columnist

With the world spinning perilously towards destruction, the fundamentalists are rounding up their kin and preparing for the rapture while the rest of us are reading "Left Behind" trying to figure out what the hell we're supposed to do.



What do they know that no one else seems to see? Hell, I don't know. Maybe we should re-evaluate our situation. And maybe some other things should be re-evaluated as well. Whatever happened to the Golden Rule? We are supposed to love our neighbors, and yet there is a relentless campaign being waged on three fronts for the hearts, minds and souls of every human on the planet.

Iran is calling for the destruction of Israel; the U.S. is thoroughly entrenched in a battle that is rooted deep in religious sentiment. Jews everywhere deal with anti-Semitism from almost every other ethnic group. Muslims across the globe suffer persecution and judgment because of the actions of a handful of their brothers.

I'm going to oversimplify this a lot, but sometimes the answers we seek are the simplest ones. First

thing: anti-Semitism. I don't understand it. Why does the world still hate Jews? Is it because they control Hollywood and the banking industry? I really doubt it. Anti-Semitism just reeks of hypocrisy. Any self-proclaimed Christian guilty of anti-Semitism may be eligible for the "Biggest Hypocrite Since Hitler" award. Do these people forget that their lord and savior, the big JC, was himself a Jew? It wasn't until years after his death that the early Christian church actually split from Judaism. So I guess my question is: How can someone, as a Christian, hate Jews? You're not Palestinian. They're not occupying your homeland.

Second point: The media has led us to believe that all Muslims hate Christians, or more properly, Americans and people who occupy their holy lands (see: Coalition of the Willing). Should you actually do your research though, you will find quotes such as: "Oh people of the book, you have nothing until you observe the Torah and the Gospel and what has been revealed to you from your Lord," Koran 5:68. Interesting concept, and one that can be applied to all three religions – just interchange Koran with Torah and Gospel as needed to fit your religion. Muhammad had four wives during his life; one was a Christian. Jesus plays a very prominent role in Islam; and some Muslims believe Jesus will play a prominent role in judgment. "Oh Mary! Lo! God hath chosen thee

and made thee pure, and hath preferred thee above all women of creation," Koran 3:42. It sounds like something straight out of the New Testament yet there it is in the Koran, along with Adam, Jacob, Moses and Noah. Mary is the only woman actually mentioned by name in Koran.

This past Friday, Earl Krugel, a high ranking member of the Jewish Defense League (JDL), was killed in prison. He and the late JDL leader Irv Rubin were arrested in 2001 and charged with conspiring to bomb the King Fahd Mosque in Culver City, Calif., and a field office of Republican Rep. Darrell E. Issa, who is Lebanese-American, according to cnn.com. The Defense League was founded in 1968 by Rabbi Meir Kahane, an outspoken advocate for the forcible removal of Arabs from Israel. He was assassinated in 1990.

There is no innocent party. Every one of these religions is at one time the victim and the assailant. All claim to be exploited and oppressed with their left hands while separate factions controlling their right hands exploit and oppress. The closer the three are, the further apart they seem to grow. They are like three powerful magnets drawing in followers like metal shards, yet repelling each other with more vigor. Is it human nature to try to change or destroy anything that doesn't agree with the views of the individual?

Religion is deeply personal and

yet highly publicized. It's an individual's relationship with a higher power and a political bargaining chip and universal guilt trip. I found a quote in one of the few textbooks I've ever actually read. It said, "A ubiquity of evil in human actions inevitably turns churches into political organizations, revolutions into dictatorships and love of country into imperialism." I wish I were as eloquent as that textbook bard, but instead I'll just piggyback on his wisdom.

Back to simplifying things. Is it so hard to live your own life? To believe what you want to believe and accept that, because of free will, other people can believe what they want to believe, right or wrong? Understandably, a lot of what sparks confrontation is beyond the religious spectrum touching into politics, history and customs. But that doesn't mean that it doesn't still play a major role and that understanding the religious aspects of it can't lead to a resolution of the other elements.

So I guess this whole rant comes down to that word: understanding. It takes effort, it takes listening and empathy and it takes the ability to not be a closed-minded idiot. And when you do run across those close-minded idiots, remove their power, let logic push through the clouds of ignorance and maybe one day we can all sit around a smoky bar and sing along to "Piano Man."

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Be active during diversity week

By DELFORD DOHERTY
Columnist

Diversity week begins today. The newly formed Diversity Council has been working hard to put the pieces of this week together since last year. Most people have been asking me what exactly will be going on this week. You have an opportunity to skim through this week's edition of the Trumpet to check out all the fun.



When putting this week together, we (the Diversity Council) were faced with many challenges, first to come up with programs that will not only be educational but also fun-fulfilling for us as organizers to enjoy with the many interested people that will be sharing those moments with us.

But this was not the only reason why we came up with diversity week. Most importantly, we believe that "faith without works is dead." Therefore, after talking for all these years about diversity, it was imperative for us to be more

proactive about our claims. Our mind-set was simple: to create a week for students to come together and not only recognize but also celebrate our diversity on campus.

Forgive me for sounding utopian, but this week will be one of the most memorable experiences this year. Not only will it create forums for us to understand our biases, it will also create avenues for us to see our diversity at work.

I implore you to take some time off your busy schedules to attend at least one of the events listed. Remember that this is the first time for us to host a diversity week. Therefore we do not expect it to be perfect, but what will make it a productive week depends on whether we as a student body will seize this opportunity and utilize this investment that several student organizations and faculty offices have invested. I have no doubt that our student body will do just that.

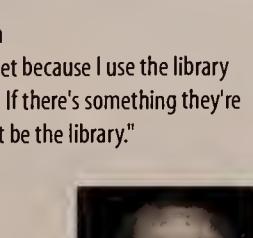
ABOUT FACE

What is your opinion about the library hours possibly being cut?



Margie Croft, freshman

"I personally was very upset because I use the library a lot for doing homework. If there's something they're going to close, it shouldn't be the library."



Andy Swanson, sophomore

"I guess if they just cut the hours on Friday and Saturday that doesn't affect me at all. The other days of the week I'm usually there."



Heidi Hesse, sophomore

"I think since we're here to get an education, it's kind of dumb that they're cutting the library hours."



Matt Fox, senior

"That's fine with me. I've never been there on a Friday or Saturday."





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COST OF WAR PANEL—Professor of history Dr. Terrence Lindell, assistant professor of communication arts Dr. Jeff Stein, assistant professor of economics Dr. Scott Fullwiler and Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress Bill Gluba participated in the cost of war presentation Thursday, sponsored by the Wartburg Democrats.

Vaccine clinic for meningitis and flu

By SARAH GUHL
Assistant News Editor

Wartburg will offer meningitis and flu vaccines in a joint clinic by bringing in the Visiting Nursing Association (VNA).

The clinic will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the McCoy West conference room in the student center.

Dawn Wiegmann, director of the health and wellness center, said that the VNA is a branch of the public health office and bringing them in lowered costs. This decision hopefully will draw more participants by putting the two vaccines in the same clinic. The meningitis vaccine will cost \$90 and the flu vaccine \$23.

"We've had people come in to do flu shots but it didn't go over very well, so I put it with meningitis," Wiegmann said. She added that she had trouble

getting someone to come.

Students who have not received the meningitis vaccine are highly encouraged to get the shot. All students, faculty and staff are welcome also to receive flu vaccines at the clinic.

"Of students coming in, over 320 kids got their (meningitis vaccines) on their own," Wiegmann said.

As of Wednesday, fewer than 10 people had registered for flu vaccines. People are asked to pre-register by calling the health and wellness center at Ext. 8346.

"VNA wants everything pre-paid, especially meningitis because it's very expensive for them to buy," Wiegmann said.

Although \$90 seems expensive, Wiegmann said it is about \$50 less than anywhere else and other nurses at Iowa Conference colleges cannot believe that she got such a good price.

The number of meningitis

vaccines the VNA will bring depends on how many sign up because of the high cost.

Wiegmann said the VNA will bring enough vaccine for "how many people pre-register and probably 50 or 60 more."

For the flu shots, they will "probably bring close to 300 doses, and then we'll just see."

Wiegmann said she would consider holding another flu clinic if the turnout is high but hopes that enough people register so it isn't needed.

"It is estimated that 100 to 125 cases occur on college campuses across the nation every year and that out of these cases, five to 15 students die every year as a result," Wiegmann wrote in a letter to parents of freshmen.

"Meningitis is a disease that frequently can go around a college campus with people living in close quarters," Elain Slade, a registered nurse with the VNA,

said.

According to a fact sheet by the CDC, "meningitis is an infection of fluid surrounding the brain and the spinal cord."

According to the American College Health Association, meningitis is spread through the air.

Symptoms are flu-like but can include "high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting, fatigue and confusion."

It is still possible to get the flu or meningitis when one has gotten the vaccine.

"But they do protect many people who might become sick if they didn't get the vaccine," the CDC said regarding meningitis.

Wiegmann said that the flu vaccine may not stop someone from getting the flu, but the goal is to lessen the effects.

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Deadline nears for winter service trips

By LAURA GREVAS
Staff Writer

After class on March 3, 2006, Wartburg students will travel to all corners of the country as participants in the annual winter break service trips. Applications are now available in paper form at the Center for Community Engagement (CCE) and the student life office or online at the CCE web page. Applications are due by 4 p.m. Friday and students will be notified of their placement by Nov. 20.

Dan Kittle of the CCE says that the applications are not meant to determine who gets to go, but to encourage students to consider why they are interested in going on a service trip and what their expectations are.

"It's about applying what you learn there," sophomore Alana Deutschmann said. "It's taking it back and doing something about it."

Destinations for this year include Coahoma, Miss., San Bernadino, Calif., Phoenix, Ariz., Savannah, Ga., and Baltimore, Md. Two trips aim to assist hurricane relief efforts. One trip is only for members of the Alumni Council, while the other will go to Texas to help children living there that were displaced by the hurricane.

All students who apply must pay a \$100 non-refundable fee that will help to cover transportation, food and housing costs. Kittle said that all money collected from students goes directly to their own service trip, and financial aid is available.

The majority of the tab is picked up by Wartburg's Lilly Grant, which has provided about \$1,000 to \$1,500 per service trip in years past. The trips to San Bernadino and Phoenix may require participants to pay some or all of their airfare cost.

Service trip executive board member Katie Bowers will be leading the trip to Kentucky, where students will work with the Christian Appalachia Project to help re-build area homes. She cautions, as does Kittle, that service trips are not meant to be all fun and games.

"It's not always going to be sitting in the sun. It will be a lot of work, but they will have fun," Bowers said.

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Burning Questions?

Q: Why is Highway 218 south of town all torn up?

A: Because of the new Super Wal-Mart, the traffic is going to nearly double over the next few decades, according to Mike Cherry, city of Waverly engineer. The road is going to become a divided four-lane highway with a median, left and right turn lanes going south and a left turn lane going north. A stoplight also will be added where the main entrance to the Super Wal-Mart will be located.

Q: When do tickets for the midnight showing of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire go on sale at the Palace Theatre?

A: The midnight showing will take place at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 18. Tickets for the midnight showing went on sale on Halloween at 6 p.m., but 238 general admission tickets will go on sale one hour before the day's first show by calling 352-4899. Those tickets will be first come, first served by using a Visa or Mastercard.

Send your Burning Questions to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

KNIGHT'S ARMOR ENTRIES DUE NOV. 17

A Knight's Armor, Wartburg's faith-based magazine, seeks submissions. Whether it's poetry, short story, devotion, reflection, artwork, computer design, photography or any other medium, if it is faith-related and you'd like to see it published, submit it. Priority deadline is Thursday, Nov. 17, for early consideration. The final deadline will be in December. Send your submissions to knightarmor@wartburg.edu or to campus mailbox 510.

SIGN YOUR SUNDAY MEAL AWAY

Today, Tuesday and Wednesday, the Social Work Club and SAAC will ask students to sign over Sunday meals for the Holiday Shoppe. The Holiday Shoppe provides Christmas gifts to more than 300 children in Bremer County. There will be no meal provided that day, only a sack meal for those who choose not to sign over their meal. The donation of your meal will aid a family in need.

U-KNIGHT KICKOFF THURSDAY

Students can sign their meal away and eat dinner at the Wartburg U-Knight kickoff event from 5-7 p.m. Thursday. U-Knight is a group formed by 20 campus organizations to coordinate all efforts for hurricane relief in order to maximize donations. The event will include a meal, speakers about the devastation, music by Garrett Hufford and information about events that will take place throughout the year. Prizes will be given away during the event. Dinner is \$4.25 if not on a meal plan, or people can come at 5:30 for just the events.

ST. ELIZABETH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer opportunities are available through the Volunteer Action Center (VAC) from Nov. 12 through Nov. 16 as part of St. Elizabeth week. Volunteers can go bowling at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, help out with a turkey shoot at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, help the Salvation Army at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, or work at the food bank at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16. Call Ext. 8641 or email VAC at vac@wartburg.edu for more information or to sign up.

Voices of the Silent Diversity Week

Monday - Saturday—"What does diversity mean to you?" and "Diversity as I see it: Express yourself" displays on Den windows.

Monday and Tuesday—5-7 p.m., submissions for "What does diversity mean to you?" Contest judged.

Monday—8-10 p.m., Lyceum. "Speaking for the voices," by Alex Avila.

Tuesday—11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., the Hub, scavenger hunt.

6-9 p.m., Heritage Ballroom, interactive diversity training.

Wednesday—1:15-2:20 p.m., Lyceum, interactive diversity training.

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Heritage Ballroom, candlelight dinner, student testimonials.

9:30-10:30 p.m., Chapel, Eucharist with guest speaker Alex Avila.

Thursday—8:30-10 p.m., Cardinal Commons, "Becoming the voices: An interactive dialogue," led by Alex Avila.

Friday—8-9:30 p.m., McCaskey Lyceum, spoken word artists: Wartburg students, Tammy Carr and Gemineye.

10 p.m.-2 a.m., Diers House, International Club party.

Saturday—3-5 p.m., Science Center 102, showing of "Monsoon Wedding."

Life after graduation: To stay or go

By JESSICA NYSTEL
Staff Writer

When seniors begin thinking about their post-Wartburg plans, one of the biggest questions facing them is whether or not they should stay in Iowa.

According to the U.S. Census, Iowa is near the bottom in retaining young college graduates, losing them to states like Minnesota, Illinois and Colorado. Only North Dakota loses more graduates than Iowa.

"It's a challenge to retain and recruit younger professionals in Iowa," Derek Solheim, assistant director of Pathways Center for career services, said. "Many just want to experience something else."

Senior Bethany Duncan, a communication arts major, said she may decide to live in Iowa. She is looking at jobs in the Chicago area, however. Factors in her decision to move out of state include her boyfriend, who attends Valparaiso University in Indiana, and the availability of jobs.

"There are more opportunities in one area [in the Chicago region] than in any place in Iowa," Duncan said. "It's not that I don't like Iowa, but it doesn't have a lot of opportunities for a young person."

Ben Krueger '05 lives in Waverly because his wife found a job teaching at Southeast Elementary. Krueger, a history and political science major with an international relations minor, has had difficulty finding work in his chosen field and is currently employed by the East Bremer Diner.

"I haven't been able to find anything related to what I have an education or interest in here in the Cedar Valley. More than likely, if I want to follow a career path in my courses of expertise I will have to leave and go somewhere else."

Many graduates decide to leave the state to find better employment

and financial opportunities.

According to data collected by the U.S. Department of Labor in May 2004, the estimated average annual income per Iowan was \$31,600. However, workers in the states of Minnesota, Illinois and Colorado earned an estimated \$8,000 more per year than their Iowa counterparts.

Although Iowa may lag behind other states in annual income, the cost of living must also be considered. Emily Carson '05 currently lives in Chicago and attends the Lutheran School of Theology. Carson said that part-time pay of \$9.20 an hour is more than Iowa part-time wages, but cost of living is important to look at.

"Seriously, it's not cheap!" she said. "If you think gas prices are bad in Iowa...it could be a lot worse."

According to Salary.com, the cost of living in Denver, Colo., is 10.1 percent higher than the cost of living in Des Moines. It's estimated that a person living and working in Denver would need to make \$33,043 to maintain the same standard of living as one making \$30,000 in the same job in Des Moines.

Kristin Nelson '05 lives in Denver, Colo. and teaches high school English in nearby Golden.

"The cost of living is higher here, but my salary is compensatory," she said. "I've also never lived outside of Iowa, so I felt that it would be good to become a little less sheltered by experiencing life outside the Midwest for a while."

The desire for something new is another driving force for graduates who leave Iowa. Many have never lived outside the state before graduation and want the opportunity to have new experiences.

"I love the multicultural atmosphere here in Chicago that I've never experienced in quite the same way in Iowa," Carson said.

Both Carson and Nelson said

they might return to Iowa some day. Nelson thinks she would like to return as long as "immediate and extended family members remain in the Midwest."

Carson said that living in Chicago has given her a greater appreciation for the friendliness and security of Iowa.

Although the "brain drain" is hitting Iowa hard, Solheim said most Wartburg grads seem to go against the trend of leaving the state.

Pathways recently sent out surveys to 2004 graduates and had a 96 percent response rate. Of the graduates who responded to the survey, 263 graduates remained in Iowa and 80 found jobs elsewhere.

"It comes down to personal preference," Solheim said. "Plus, more and more students are making decisions to stay closer to their families."

Senior Alyssa Benveniste, an elementary education major, hopes to find a teaching job in the Des Moines or Quad Cities area. The location of her family was an important factor in her decision to stay in the state.

"I am planning on staying in Iowa for now because this is where my family is at," she said. "I might eventually move away to the East Coast, but for right now this is where I want to be."

State officials are currently working at ways to retain college graduates. The Greater Des Moines Partnership's Young Professionals Connection is launching a new program called Four Hire!

According to the group's press release, it will offer select Iowa graduates "the chance to showcase their skills, personality and drive through various [Apprentice-like] challenges."

Applications for the contest are due Friday. For more information, contact Pathways at Ext. 8615.

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Iowa ranks low for teachers' salaries

By JESSICA NYSTEL
Staff Writer

Iowa is not only one of the states with the lowest college graduate retention numbers, but it also ranks near the bottom for teacher salaries.

According to the American Federation of Teachers, Iowa's teacher pay ranking dropped from 32nd in the nation in 1993-1994 to 42nd in 2003-2004.

The national teaching salary average for the 2003-2004 school year was \$46,597. Iowa's average was \$38,381, and teachers with that type of salary had generally been working for about 15 years.

Low wages mean many education graduates are more likely to leave Iowa in pursuit of more lucrative jobs in other states.

According to Dr. Cheryl Budlong, professor of education and education department chair, approximately 68 percent of Iowa education major graduates leave the state.

Senior Dan Sefkow, a history and world history education major, said he would like to return to and teach in Minnesota after graduation because the "salary is low [in Iowa] and there are not many cultural events."

Dr. Roberta Bodensteiner, professor of education, thinks that part of the reason for lower teacher pay is because of the lower cost of living in Iowa.

"There's not an overwhelming push to be at the top," she said. "You can buy a house in Iowa a lot cheaper than in California or Connecticut."

A December 2004 story in the "Des Moines Register" noted that increasing health insurance costs and underfunded state programs intended for increasing teacher pay could also contribute to lower salaries.

Budlong said that although many education majors leave Iowa, only about one-third of Wartburg grads choose to leave the state.

"I think many like to return to their home areas," she said. "They are content in Iowa."

Senior Jenny Schlieman, an elementary education major, will likely be one of the two-thirds of Wartburg grads who remain here.

"I want to stay in Iowa because I feel like it's my home," she said. "I also want to stay close to my family."

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Administrators, faculty visit Brazilian colleges

By KACI HANSON
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Two Wartburg administrators and two faculty members flew to Brazil last month in hopes of discovering possibilities for future study abroad programs.

President Jack R. Ohle, dean of faculty Ferol Menzel, and professors Peter Nash and Fred Waldstein went to seven Lutheran colleges in rural and urban Brazil over six days, as a courtesy visit to help form a letter of agreement between American and Brazilian Lutheran colleges. Concordia-Moorhead and Luther also attended. Nash would not comment on funding, but he did say host institutions paid for all ground expenses, including food and shelter.

The chance to study in Brazil is a step toward creating relationships to strengthen

world-wide Lutheran partnerships.

"Brazil is a great place to learn, with hospitable people and strong community engagement," Nash said. "I think the Lutheran schools here in the United States can learn to incorporate more community involvement, and in return, the Brazilian schools would like to learn how to keep in touch with their alumni after graduation."

They talked with faculty, students and administration at each school. Each college has different strengths in various majors.

Escola Superior de Teologia would be the best choice for religion or music therapy. It is the only Brazilian school certified for music therapy.

The Instituto Evangelico de Novo Hamburgo provides education, business administration, international commerce and computer science majors.

The Instituto de Ensino Tecnico Pastor

Dohms focuses on a corporate based education, while the Instituto de Educacao de Ivoi's focus is on early childhood and elementary education.

Engineering or language majors should attend the Faculdade de Horizontina, near the Brazilian headquarters for John Deere. This allows students to engage in mechanical and production engineering. A language school offering English, German and Spanish helps graduates step into international business or economics.

The Sociedade Educacional de Tres de Maio is a blend of the other colleges, offering strength in business administration, nursing, agribusiness production engineering, education, early childhood and information systems. A working farm benefits rural production engineering majors, and the yield helps to pay for their schooling.

The Instituto Educacional Luterano de

Santa Catarina has principal majors in nursing, tourism, early childhood education, elementary education and nutrition.

There are minor problems with a study abroad program with Brazil; language is the biggest, since Portuguese is not taught at Wartburg. The easy answer would be to take Portuguese at Luther or Concordia before the trip. The other problem is school calendars. Brazilian colleges go from February to December, with a short break in July.

"I would love to see Brazilian students up here at Wartburg for May term, a semester, or even the entire four years," Nash said. "The more places available for students to go, the greater the number of students given the opportunity to study abroad in another culture."

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Opera career lies ahead for senior

By ERICA SWANSON
Features Editor

Senior Christopher Smith is passionate about his major. You can see him hanging out in the Fine Arts Center and participating in musical productions on campus. He is a senior vocal performance major, and according to Smith, loving music is the "story of my life."

Because Smith spends almost all of his time working with music, he is "kind of the epitome of a music nerd," he said. He hosts a radio show dedicated to classical music and Broadway show tunes.

While reflecting on his years at college, Smith said, "Wartburg was really the place for me, and I really developed here."

Naturally, Smith found out about the college through its music program. He heard the Wartburg Choir on the radio and decided to visit campus.

Smith has been involved with numerous musical activities during his four

years at Wartburg. He directed Knights on Broadway, was Mr. Angel in "Impresario," acted in "Pirates of Penzance," attends opera workshops, and sings in the Wartburg Choir and Ritterchor. He will act in "The Magic Flute" this winter. "I can't think of anything here that doesn't relate back to music," Smith said.

Even his part-time jobs reflect Smith's interests. He worked as a singing waiter this past summer, and he also sang in an operetta, "The Gondoliers."

Smith hopes to be an opera singer when he finishes graduate school. To prepare for his career, Smith studies with Simon Estes and other professors at different universities.

Most opera singers are 25 or older before they break into the business. It is "hard to be a 21-year-old singer," Smith said. Many opera companies will not hire singers unless they have a master's degree.

Luckily, Smith already has some professional success under his belt. On Oct. 22, he competed in the 44th Annual Wisconsin District Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions for the first time. He has been attending the auditions as an observer for a couple of years, and this year he decided to do it himself.

He was the youngest person to compete, and he ended up winning two awards: the Skylight Opera Theatre Award and the Milwaukee Music Teacher's Association Award. The first award was for presence



Travis Bockenstedt/TRUMPET

FOCUSED ON MUSIC—Senior Christopher Smith is a self-proclaimed music nerd. He sings in the Wartburg Choir and has participated in many musical events on campus.

and vivid projection of the text of his piece. Only three people won two awards, so Smith felt deeply honored by the recognition.

Smith is determined to succeed in the

competitive world of opera because he believes that "if you want something bad enough, it'll happen."

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Dvd Review

by Nathaniel Countryman

"Star Wars: Episode III"

Nov. 1 is a day that will be remembered by "Star Wars" fans for years to come. On that day, George Lucas released the final movie in the "Star Wars" saga to DVD. "Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" is a great bridge between Lucas' original trilogy and his prequel trilogy. While the prequels were sub par in many ways (Six words: Jar Jar Binks and Jake Lloyd), Sith stands above them all to showcase the story of how Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) finally becomes Darth Vader.

The acting makes it hard for me to say that this is the best "Star Wars" movie ever made, especially in the scenes

between Anakin and Padme Amidala (Natalie Portman). While it is an improvement over their acting in Episode II (creepy eyes and monotonous voice do not good romantic acting make), it is still one of the worst segments of this movie.

However, this movie delivers what others in the series have been missing: action. Whereas Episode II was more character driven, this movie focuses on the action brought forward by the creation of the Empire. Some of the best sequences are the fights between the Jedi and Darth Sidious (Ian McDiarmid). Thanks to being filmed digitally, the transfer of this movie to DVD is beautifully done, and every sequence of action shows up perfectly on disc.

However, the characterization of the droids R2-D2 and C-3PO will be harder for fans of the original trilogy to watch. Seeing R2-D2 using oil and jetpacks to dispose of two droids posed to attack him is difficult to accept. Seeing one of the most unique characters act so differently from the prequels to the original trilogy is gut-wrenching to say the least.

Special features-wise, this DVD delivers. The two featurlettes are really entertaining, showcasing the stunts and darker side of this movie. The behind-the-scenes documentary is lengthy and informative, but it seems to break down one scene's contributors too much. I understand that people have to eat, but interviewing the catering crew as a major player in one scene's composition? That's going too far. The DVD also includes every TV spot and trailer that ran to promote the movie and has a playable demo of "Star Wars: Battlefront II." In addition, it has the web documentaries that once ran online as a paid exclusive on the "Star Wars" website.

Overall, "Star Wars" fans that can't wait for Lucas' ultimate edition of all six DVDs rumored to be released in the next two years should pick up this film. Otherwise, I'd recommend borrowing it from a friend or renting the DVD before purchasing this movie.

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Loss to Central blocks playoff bid

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
Sports Editor

The Wartburg offense looked good. The Wartburg defense looked good enough. But the Wartburg special teams were bad.

Central returned a kickoff 80 yards for a score and blocked three punts to end Wartburg's playoff chances with a 37-21 loss.

"It was as bad as it could be," head coach Rick Willis said about the special teams. "Twenty-eight of their points for sure came from miscues, breakdowns, whatever you want to call them in the kicking game."

The biggest special teams play came just under two minutes into the second half. With Wartburg leading 14-10, they went three-and-out and set up to punt from their own 26-yard line. Central came after the kick, and Adam Gregg blocked it, scooped the ball and ran seven yards to make the score 17-14.

"They had a rigged up block on the first one they blocked," Willis said. "It's not a new thing. It's a block we had prepared for all week."

The Knights seemed to be taking control of the game after going 75 yards on eight plays with six minutes left in the first half. Junior Dan Hammes' two-yard plunge made the score 14-3.

But the Dutch returned the ensuing kickoff 80 yards to pull within four and grab the momentum.

"It wasn't like they just split the thing right up there," Willis said. "The guy was stopped, went the other way, we missed a tackle or two and then he leapt back around the outside."

Wartburg's special teams faltered again midway through the third quarter. The Knights had set up to punt

from their own 39-yard line when sophomore Joe Sodoma was blocked into freshman punter Spencer Herzberg.

Herzberg recovered at the 30-yard line but was tackled immediately. Five plays later Central scored to take a 24-14 lead.

The Knights switched punters in the fourth quarter, but the change did not end their special teams woes. Freshman Stevan Kingery set up from the Knights end zone with just under seven minutes to play when Central again blocked the kick and recovered at its own four-yard line.

Vance Schuring rushed in from four yards out to give the Dutch a commanding 37-14 lead.

"The [last two] blocks were definitely just a poor job by us by a person or two of executing the fundamental techniques that they are taught," Willis said. "They were really not even in full block mode on the others."

Wartburg took a 7-0 lead on the second play of the second quarter when senior Reed Hoskins hit junior Brandon Vinzant for a 20-yard scoring strike.

Hoskins also hit Vinzant with under three minutes to play from 20 yards out for the Knights' final score.

Central made the score 30-14 with 11:30 to play. The Dutch picked off a Hoskins pass at the Wartburg 47-yard line and returned it 29 yards. Five plays later Schuring scored from five yards out.

Central got on the board in the second quarter with a 29-yard field goal to make the score 7-3.

Wartburg travels for a 1 p.m. start Saturday at Cornell.

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HIGHLIGHT—Junior Dan Hammes breaks through the line. Hammes finished with 199 yards on the game.

Simpson ends netters' season

By AARON HAGEN
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All good things must come to an end, and the same holds true for the Wartburg volleyball team's season. With a loss to Central in the final regular season match, and a loss to Simpson in the conference tournament, the Knights finished their season with 20 wins and 14 losses.

Wartburg fell to Simpson in four games at the Iowa Conference tournament Friday. Wartburg defeated the Storm earlier in the conference season. However, the Knights lost the first game 30-21 and lost the second game 30-24. While Wartburg came back in the third game to take the 30-25 win, they fell in the fourth game, 30-23.

"Simpson's game has really improved since we last played them in September," head coach Jennifer Walker said. "They have really come on well at the end of the

season, so I'm going to give them a lot of credit. We were definitely playing hard but I don't think competing at the level we needed to be to take a win off of them."

Freshman Kelsey Steffens led the Knights with 17 kills. Sophomore Ashley Rogers was close behind with 15 kills on the match. No other Knight was in double figures with kills. Freshman Lindsay Murphy had 41 sets, while sophomore Leigh Christensen led the team with 20 digs.

In the final regular season match, Central visited Wartburg Tuesday night, and came away with a win. Wartburg struggled throughout the entire match, losing in three games.

The Knights were down early in game one but battled back to bring the game within two points at 9-7. Central broke away late in the game to take a 30-22 win. The second game was more of the same as Central took an early 7-1 lead and never looked back. The Dutch ended up taking the win 30-20. The Knights had a lead in game three at 7-6

but were unable to hold on to the win as they lost 30-23.

The loss prevented Wartburg from winning the Iowa Conference. Wartburg also missed out on the chance to host the conference tournament.

"We have to be mentally ready for matches," Walker said. "We need to go in with that mentality. Right now there are only three people on our team that know what it's like to go to the national tournament. Once you've been there, you have more incentive to get back."

Only one Wartburg player was able to record a double digit kill total. Junior Sheena Treanor had 11 kills, while Steffens had nine. Murphy had 25 sets, and sophomore libero Ashley Steines had 25 digs on the match to lead the team.

Wartburg finished its season with a 7-1 conference record, good for second place in the conference.

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Goliath vs. David

Hawks set to battle Knights



By AARON HAGEN
Assistant Sports Editor

He played there. He won there. Now, he returns.

Wednesday night, former Iowa Hawkeye and current Wartburg coach Dick Peth returns to face the program he was a part of for four years. This time, he will be coaching against, not wearing, the black and gold.

Wartburg, coming off a regular season Iowa Conference title and its fifth consecutive 20-win season, will travel to face the Iowa Hawkeyes in an exhibition game Wednesday night at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. While this match-up is the opening game for the Knights, Iowa already played one other opponent. Iowa defeated Brock University 97-36 at Iowa City Thursday.

The exhibition game came about for many reasons. First, a new rule in the NCAA prevents Division I schools from playing non-sanctioned NCAA teams. Iowa can no longer play teams like the EA Sports team or Athletes in Action, two teams that were on Iowa's schedule in the past.

"I like the new rule that's out there where we're not allowed to play AAU teams and non-NCAA sanctioned teams," Iowa head coach Steve Alford said. "Now that the rule is in place, I think it allows us here at the university to each year continue to work around our state playing the Div. III schools that are in our state."

Last season, Iowa played Div. II school Upper Iowa, winning 84-43. Because of the ties to Peth and the quality of the program, Wartburg fell into place this season.

"I think what [Peth] means to our program, and the job he's done there," Alford said about why Iowa chose to play Wartburg. "Wartburg's been a very successful school, and not just in basketball. It has a lot of storied tradition and history. We always want to be involved with schools like that."

This will be the first time that Wartburg has faced Iowa; however, this game just about took place a year ago.

"We had an opportunity to do it a year ago, but our schedule was filled at that point in time, and we didn't want to put somebody else out from another school," Peth said. "Therefore, we delayed until this year and it's going to be a fun time for our guys."

Peth played for the University of Iowa for four years during the late 1970s. Playing under Hall of Fame coach Lute Olson, Peth was part of an era that helped turn the program around.

"I was fortunate to come in there when coach [Olson] first took over and be a part of a program that wasn't doing real well, to winning a conference championship our senior year," Peth said.

Peth's senior season was one of the most successful seasons for Iowa while he was there. He was a co-captain and helped lead his team to a 20-8 overall record and a 13-5 record in the Big Ten.

While Peth has ties to the Hawkeye program, Alford knows what it's like to be in a small school. From 1992-95, Alford was the head coach at Manchester College, a Div. III school in Indiana.

"I have similarities in that I spent four years at the Div. III level, and it was a fantastic time of my coaching career. I have an incredible amount of respect for kids that are at

that level that are basically still paying to play the game," Alford said.

Even though this is an exhibition game, both sides take the match-up seriously.

"I think [the advantage of] playing a team that's going to come in and fight and have an awful lot of passion and enthusiasm with how they play the game and really try to go at us and try to expose where we may be weak," Alford said about Wartburg. "That's always better than playing some team from out of state or out of country that may or may not be in good physical shape and not know anything about how to attack."

"We wouldn't go down there if we didn't want to win the game," senior Jason Steege said. "It's going to be a very tough challenge to win the game because they are a very good team. To be considered a success, we want to be consistent offensively and defensively so that way we can get a good feeling of where we stand so far."

Both teams have high expectations going into this year. Wartburg returns 12 players from a year ago, including last year's conference MVP Nate Schmidt. Steege returns after scoring his 1,000th career point and being named first team all-conference. Senior Rance Cartmill will begin his fourth year as a starter for the Knights.

On the opposing side, Iowa returns all five starters from the end of their season a year ago. The Hawks saw their season finish in the NCAA tournament with a loss to Cincinnati, 76-64. This season, the Hawkeyes have already been ranked No. 20 in ESPN/USA Today Top 25 Coaches poll, and senior Jeff Horner is one of the top 50 candidates for the Wooden Award All-American Team. With the high expectations of this year, people around the state have taken notice.

"I'm sure they'll have their game face on; it's time

to show themselves," Peth said. "They have a lot of high expectations. They have a lot to back up and we're going to see their best, without question."

While Alford looks at Wartburg as a chance to get better, he is focused on his team's preparations for the game.

"Regardless of who we are playing in the exhibition season, it's always about what we're doing," Alford said. "What's nice about playing a team like Wartburg is that they are going to be in shape, they are going to be conditioned, they've been working on things that they like to do within their system and that's always good to play teams like that."

Even though both teams will compete and go for the win, Wartburg realizes the competition will be tough.

"We're going into it expecting to give them a game first and foremost," Steege said. "Most importantly, it's going to be a great experience for our team. It's going to put us in an atmosphere that we probably won't see the rest of the year."

The Knights will look to gain experience from this game to put to use later in the season.

"Just being able to play in such a great environment is going to be beneficial for us," Steege said. "You just want to see how we stack up against someone that's a Div. I team that's going to be ranked in the top 25 to start the year."

While this will be the only time Wartburg will face Iowa, Wartburg will have to look toward the rest of the season and work on defending the IIAC championship.

"Iowa is going to be a once in a lifetime experience for us," Steege said. "After we play them, it will be like, 'okay, now we have to buckle down' because every game is going to matter for us."

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Matmen aim to regain national title

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
Sports Editor

Ninety-six consecutive Iowa conference dual wins. Thirteen straight Iowa Conference titles. Five returning All-Americans. But there's only one number on the Wartburg wrestling team's mind: One.

The Knights' goal is to gain back the title of No. 1 team in the nation.

Following a second-place finish last year, the Knights enter this season ranked No. 3 in the first Div. III NWCA/Brute-Adidas poll. But don't think that

has distracted Wartburg from its goal: reclaiming the team title.

"[Our goals] are the same as they have been for the last decade, pretty much," head coach Jim Miller said. "We obviously want to stay on top of the Iowa Conference and have a chance to win the national championship."

In order for the Knights to achieve that goal, they have to avoid the thing that hurt them last year: one bad day.

"That day was the first day at nationals, and you just can't let that happen."

"Obviously, that's very unique that we're hav-

ing not one but we have a chance to have two," Miller said. "And I emphasize have a chance. It's not going to be any easier because they've won it twice."

While the Knights know it will take the whole team to win the championship, seniors Dustin Hinschberger (141, ranked No. 1) and Akeem Carter (197, ranked No. 1) are both aiming for their third consecutive individual titles.

No one has ever won three consecutive individual titles at Wartburg.

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ing not one but we have a chance to have two," Miller said. "And I emphasize have a chance. It's not going to be any easier because they've won it twice."

Wartburg features three other returning All-Americans: sophomore Jacob Naig (149, ranked No. 3), senior Scott Kauffman (184, unranked) and junior Blake Gillis (HWT, ranked No. 2). Another senior, Dustin Bliven, is ranked No. 8 at 165 pounds.

The Knights do have some holes to fill as they graduated five regulars from last year's line-up and

10 seniors overall.

"The thing is we're going to lose good people every year," Miller said. "Hopefully you've got some younger kids who have seen that leadership and been part of a team that has great leadership and have the ability to step up and take the reins."

The Knights have questions at 125, 133, 157 and 174-pounds. Senior Robert Reedy and junior Corey Kalina are the front-runners at 125-pounds. At 133-pounds, junior Kyle Blood and sophomore Robert Struthers appear to be the

favorites.

Junior Dustin Cooper will most likely move up one weight class to wrestle 157-pounds this year.

The biggest question mark for Wartburg is at 174-pounds, where departed seniors Mark Sturm and Bryan Curran wrestled every meet last year.

The Knights start the season Saturday at the Harold Nichols Open in Fort Dodge and the UW-Stevens Point Open in Stevens Point, Wis.

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Knights tourney bound

Despite loss, men qualify for NCAA championships



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KICKIN' IT — Junior Ben Kober prepares for a shot on goal against Simpson Friday.

Women falter in IIAC final

By SARAH ROBERTS
Sports Writer

The Wartburg women's soccer team made its first appearance in the championship game of the conference tournament Saturday.

The Knights took on Loras for the conference tournament title and a bid to the NCAA tournament. But the Knights fell 4-0 to the Duhawks.

"The score was not indicative of the talent of the two teams. Loras happened to capitalized in a small period of time," head coach Jim Conlon said. "I thought the match was played very well. It was an entertaining match to watch as a coach."

Loras scored three of its four goals in the first half between the 25th and 29th minutes. The Knights came out hard in the second half with their heads held high

and kept the Duhawks to one goal. But Wartburg was unable to find the net for any of their 14 shots.

"It wasn't how we hoped but we made it further than we ever have before. It's a step in the right direction for the program," senior captain Ashley Kueker said. "We kept fighting until the end and that's what's important. Everyone played with a lot of heart and put forth a lot of effort."

The semifinal games of the tournament took place Friday afternoon. The Knights beat Dubuque 6-2. Sophomore Katelin Gannon had two goals for the Knights while sophomore Lindsey McKinley, junior Kristin Beck, freshman Jamie Frederick and freshman Rachel Oswald each added one.

The Knights took second in the conference with records of 8-1 in the IIAC

and 14-6 overall.

Despite not achieving their ultimate goal of taking the conference championship title and earning a bid to nationals, the Knights had a successful season.

The team had never beaten Luther College and never had a second place finish in the conference. Sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Archer was also named to the all-academic first team.

"We're not satisfied with the outcome of our season but we achieved a lot things that made it a good season," sophomore Katelin Gannon said. "The seniors have worked hard to build up the program and we've reached a new level every year. We are going to work hard in the off season to make sure that continues to happen."

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By ABBY SHOWALTER
Sports Writer

For a third consecutive season, Wartburg has earned a NCAA Division III tournament appearance.

Before this morning's announcement, junior Jon Hinke was confident about the team's chances to play in the post-season.

"I think the overall feeling is that we will get in," Hinke said Sunday. "And if we don't, I think it will be a surprise to us. We are training like we will be playing Wednesday."

The Knights gained a Pool C bid despite a 4-2 loss against Loras in the Iowa Conference tournament finals Saturday.

The team was deflated after the loss.

"It was kind of disappointing," Hinke said. "We were the no. 1 seed going in and we beat them in the regular season. It hurts knowing that we can do it but we just didn't."

The Knights entered the match with a 17-2 record. Wartburg faced rival no. 3 seed Loras.

Loras triumphed in 4-2 decision over the Knights. Wartburg's defense was tested all day by quick counterattacks and long balls played well into the defensive end.

"It would have been nice to be conference champs, but we didn't execute," head coach Jim Conlon said.

The Duhawks struck first 12 minutes into the game. Loras hit another goal halfway through the first half off a corner kick.

Wartburg senior Scott Hill scored a goal off an assist by senior Zach Prieve before halftime, making the score 2-1.

The Knights came out strong to begin the second half with a goal from junior Brent Schuchmann that was assisted by sophomore midfielder Casey Johnson and Hinke to tie the score 2-2.

"The momentum changed in our favor after the second goal," Schuchmann said. "We just couldn't connect for another goal after that."

Loras scored 10 minutes later to take a 3-2 lead. Loras hit another goal minutes later and held on for a 4-2 final.

"We got done what we needed to in the semis," Conlon said. "We'll keep learning from our loss in the finals. Loras deserves the credit for the win."

"It's hard to see something that you wanted taken from you, especially because we knew it was ours to take," Hinke said.

Loras automatically advances to the NCAA tournament as the winner of the conference tournament.

Wartburg had to rely on its regular season performance to garner a postseason berth.

"It's stressful waiting to see if we get a berth for the tourney," Conlon said before today's announcement. "We don't know about our chances."

The men's team was victorious in a hard fought semifinal match Friday afternoon. The top-ranked Knights took on fourth

seed Simpson College in a high scoring 5-4 match. Wartburg beat Simpson 2-1 in regular conference play earlier this season.

Senior leadership played a key factor in the Knights' win as Wartburg seniors scored all five goals. Senior captain Scott Hill led the way with two unassisted goals.

The Knights struck first with a penalty kick goal by Prieve early in the game.

Hill capitalized later in the first half to put the Knights further ahead, but Simpson forward Jordan Denman scored to make the halftime score 2-1.

An unassisted goal by senior Micah McMorris helped to set the tone early for the second half.

Simpson was awarded a penalty kick later in the half and capitalized making the score 3-2.

Seconds later senior captain Kirk Artist scored an unassisted goal.

Simpson regrouped and scored again on the Knights late in the half. Hill responded with his second unassisted goal of the game. Simpson scored off another penalty kick with about 30 seconds left.

The Knights hung onto victory despite the high pressure from Simpson and advanced to Saturday's championship match.

The NCAA tournament brackets were not yet available as of press deadline. For complete tournament information, visit www.ncaasports.com.

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Alums run strong in 10k

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Wartburg alums Missy Buttry and Josh Moen have begun to make a name for themselves on the professional racing circuit. Buttry, who runs for Reebok, and Moen, endorsed by Hansons-Brooks Distance Project based in Detroit, competed at the Food World Senior Bowl Charity Run 10k Saturday in Mobile, Ala.

The race served as the US 10k national championship for the men and was won by 22-year-old Olympian Dathan Ritzenhein, who set the course record with his 28:11 in the stifling Southern humidity. Moen crossed the line in 29:13 for fourth place, beating stiff competition including former Olympian Gabe Jennings and earning a spot on the United States national team.

"We went through the five mile at

23:20," Moen said. "It was just moving. The humidity made it tough. It was like 90 percent. I'm really pleased with the way I ran though."

Though the race wasn't a national championship for the women, there was still a strong field present. Kate McGregor took the title home in 32:51. Buttry finished in second place, crossing the line in 33:35 and securing herself a spot on the national team.

Monday, the NCAA named Buttry the Div. III Most Outstanding Student Athlete in Cross Country over the last 25 years. She will be the featured speaker at the cross country National Championships in Ohio in two weeks. Buttry and Moen will compete in the etile Chiba Ekiden race on Nov. 23 in Japan.

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